Measures in the Military Field for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas.

3. Constant vigil is kept on our borders and all developments having a bearing on our national security are closely monitored. All necessary measures continue to be taken to maintain defence preparedness.

Need to modernise Indian Defence

1408. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to modernise Indian defence;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any plan in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimate of expenditure on this exercise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) It would not be in the public interest to divulge details of the plans for modernisation of the Armed Forces or the likely expenditure to be incurred on such plans.

Committee on financial requirements of J&K and North-East

1409. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a High Level Committee for working out financial requirements of Jammu and Kashmir with respect to security and development needs, for the current financial year;

(b) the details of members of the Committee and the details of its reports; and

(c) whether there is no plan to constitute a Committee for the North-Eastern States regarding the financial requirement, like that of Jammu & Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) In a meeting convened by the Home Minister on 17.11.1999 with the Chief Minister, J&K, Union Finance Minister, Defence Minister and

Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, the security and financial situation in J&K was comprehensively reviewed. In the said meeting, it was decided *inter-alia* that representatives from the Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure and Ministry of Home Affairs would, after discussions with the representatives of the State Government work out the financial requirements of the State Government for the current financial year ending March 2000 in the form of a financial package. Pursuant to this decision, a meeting took place on 22.11.1999 in Planning Commission in which officers from the Finance Ministry, State Government and the Ministry of Home Affairs pacticipated. Another meeting took place on 25.11.1999.

(c) There is no proposal for constituting a Committee for the North-Eastern States regarding the financial requirements.

NGOs In Andhra Pradesh

1410. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of funds received by each organisation from abroad during the last three years;

(c) the details of agencies which oversee the functioning and utilisation of funds by NGOs;

(d) the details of cases of non-functioning or mis-utilisation of foreign funds which came to the notice of Government; and

(e) the steps taken in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Ministry of Home Affairs does not deal with the subject of functioning of NGOs.

(b) Details of foreign contribution received by voluntary associations, including those in Andhra Pradesh, under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 have been published in the Annual Report brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Copies of the Annual Report (upto 1997-98) have been placed in the Parliament Library. The Annual Report for 1998-99 is being compiled.